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SUBJ: FEAR EFFECT OF FISH DISPUTE ON US WHEAT TRADE WITH ECUADOR

1. ECUADOREAN MEMBERS OF THE WHEAT MILLING INDUSTRY CALLED AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE TODAY (FEBRUARY 21) TO EXPRESS CONCERN THAT ANNOUNCED BOYCOTT OF ECUADOREAN CARGOES BY WEST COAST LONGSHOREMEN MIGHT SPREAD TO GULF PORTS FROM WHICH ALL ECUADOREAN WHEAT OBTAINED. AS RESULT THIS CONCERN, CALLERS SAID GOE HAS ALREADY SENT FEELERS TO AUSTRALIA AND POSSIBLY CANADA REGARDING PRICE AND AVAILABILITY WHEAT. WHILE THE AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD DELEGATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THEIR CONTINENTAL GRAIN REPRESENTATIVE, WAS UNABLE TO VISIT ECUADOR EARLIER THIS MONTH, GOE IS PROBABLY AWARE THEY HAVE WHEAT AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO ECUADOR.

2. COMMENT: SPIN OFFS FROM UPROAR OCCASIONED BY ENTRY OF UNLICENSED TUNA BOATS INTO ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS COULD NOW THREATEN OUR WHEAT MARKET HERE. ECUADOREAN WHEAT RESERVES ARE LOW AND THEY MUST ASSURE THEIR SUPPLIES. IN CALENDAR YEAR 1974 THIS MARKET WAS WORTH MORE THAN 28 MILLION DOLLARS.

3. ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE WHICH WOULD
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SERVE TO REASSURE GOE WHEAT BUYERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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